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In re application of Paula M. Vertino :  
Serial No. : 09/691,763 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed : October 18, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No.: E0355/70030ERG/MAT :

This is in response to applicant's petition, filed June 27, 2003 under 37 CFR 1.181, to withdraw the abandonment of the above identified application based on non-receipt of an Office action and to restore the application to a pending status.

A review of the file history shows that the Office mailed a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, setting a three month statutory period for reply, and a Notice of Allowability, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply, to applicant on January 16, 2003. Applicant states that the Notices were never received, and provides copies of docket records which indicate non-receipt of the Notices. In view of this evidence, the Notice of Abandonment mailed June 17, 2003 is vacated and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The Request to Withdraw Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for prompt mailing of a new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due and the Notice of Allowability.**

Any request for reconsideration or review of this decision must be made by a renewed petition and must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this decision in order to be considered timely.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact Bruce Campbell by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450, or by telephone at (571) 272-0974 or by facsimile transmission at (571) 273-0974.

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